IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MS JUSTICE G.ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO : 20818 of 2004

Between:

M/s.Pioneer Distilleries Limited, Regd.Office & Factory at Balpur Village, Dharmabad Taluk, Nanded District, Maharastra State rep., by its Managing Director
K.Suhan Rao

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
2 The Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, Nizamabad District at Nizamabad.
3 Gayatri Sugars limited, Factory at Adloor Yellareddy-503 145, Sadasivanagar Mandal, Nizamabad District.

.....RESPONDENT(S)

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, preferably one in the nature of writ of mandamus, declaring that the respondents have no jurisdiction to cause any restriction on the transport of Molasses by the petitioner from Andhra Pradesh State to any other place in the other States in India as such restriction is illegal and without jurisdiction apart from being violative of Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India.

Counsel for the Petitioner:MR.E.MARUTHI RAJA

Counsel for the Respondent Nos 1 and 2 : GP FOR PROHIBITION & EXCISE

The Court made the following :

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Excise appearing for the respondents 1 and 2.

The petitioner seeks a writ of Mandamus declaring that the respondents have no jurisdiction to restrict the transport of Molasses by the petitioner form the State of Andhra Pradesh to any other place within the State or to other States.

It is represented by the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 that the issue involved in this Writ Petition is squarely covered by the decision of this Court in *M/s Gauri Industries (Manufacturers of Rectified Spirit) Vs. Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh*, in W.P.No. 8136 of 2004, wherein it is held as under:

> "It is a fact that the possession as well as transportation of Molasses was being controlled by the Molasses Control Order, issued by the Central Government. But, however, the said Control Order was rescinded by the Central Government as early as in 1993. Thereafter, there were no provisions either in the A.P. Excise Act or under any Rules framed by the State Government and this fact was clarified by a Division Bench of this Court in Writ Appeal No. 2209 of 1998, dated 8.5.2001.
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> The restriction of transportation of molasses is only if it is intended for utilization of illicit distillation and on such occasions only the respondent authority can take action.

But, however, if any individual is transporting the Molasses under a valid purchase bills to the destination of the purchaser, the respondents authority have no right to interfere with such transportation.

Therefore, the writ petition is disposed of clarifying the position that the respondents have no right to insist the petitioner for any permission or for obtaining NOC for transport of Molasses form the Sugar Factories to any other specified destination for being used by the purchaser."

Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of in terms of directions in the above decision. No costs.

11.11.2004.

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To

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